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A combination of honest men would endeavour to extirpate all the profligate immoral retainers to each side, that have nothing to recommend them but an implicit submission to their leaders.

To RETAKE. *v. a.* [*re* and *take*.] To take again.

A day should be appointed, when the remonstrance should be taken into consideration.

To RETALIATE. *v. a.* [*re* and *talio*, Lat.] To return by giving like for like; to repay; to requite.

It is very unlucky, to be obliged to retaliate the injuries of authors, whose works are so soon forgotten, that we are in danger of appearing the first aggressors.

If a first minister of state had used me as you have done, retaliation would be thought a mark of courage.

RETALIATION. *n. f.* [*from retaliate*.] Requital; return of like for like.

They thought it no irreligion to prosecute the severest retaliation or revenge; so that at the same time their outward man might be a saint, and their inward man a devil.

God, graciously becoming our debtor, takes what is done to others as done to himself, and by promise obliges himself to full retaliation.

To RETARD. *v. a.* [*retardo*, Lat. *retardare*, Fr.] To hinder; to obstruct in swiftness of course.

How Iphitus with me, and Pelias slowly retire; the one retarded was by feeble age, the other by a wound.

To RETARD. *v. n.* To stay back.

Some years it hath also retarded, and come far later, than usually it was expected.

RETARDATION. *n. f.* [*retardation*, Fr. from *retard*.] Hindrance; the act of delaying.

Out of this man may devise the means of altering the colour of birds, and the retardation of hoary hairs.

RETARDER. *n. f.* [*from retard*.] Hinderer; obstructor.

This disputing way of enquiry, is so far from advancing science, that it is no inconsiderable retarder.

To RETCH. *v. n.* [*rhæcan*, Saxon.] To force up something from the stomach.

RETCHLESS. *adj.* [*sometimes written wretchless*, properly *retchless*.] Careless.

He struggles into breath, and cries for aid; Then helpless in his mother's lap is laid:

He creeps, he walks, and issuing into man, Grudges their life, from whence his own began;

Retchless of laws, affects to rule alone.

RETENTION. *n. f.* [*retentio*, Lat.] The act of discovering to the view.

This is rather a reformation of a body to its own colour, or a retention of its native colour, than a change.

RETENTION. *n. f.* [*retention*, Fr. *retentio*, from *retentus*, Lat.] 1. The act of retaining.

No woman's heart so big to hold so much; they lack retention.

A forward retention of custom is as turbulent a thing, as an innovation; and they, that reverence too much old things, are but a scorn to the new.

Retention and retentive faculty is that state of contraction in the solid parts, which makes them hold fast their proper contents.

Memory. The backward learner makes amends another way, expiating his want of docility with a deeper and a more rooted retention.

Retention is the keeping of those simple ideas, which from sensation or reflection the mind hath received.

Limitation. His life I gave him, and did thereto add My love without retention or restraint;

All his. I sent the old and miserable king To some retention and appointed guard.

RETENTIVE. *adj.* [*retentivus*, Lat. *retentivus*, Fr.] 1. Having the power of retention.

It keepeth sermons in memory, and doth in that respect, although not feed the soul of man, yet help the retentive force of that stomach of the mind.

Have I been ever free, and must my house Be my retentive enemy, my goal?

From retentive cage When fullen Philomel escapes, her notes She varies, and of past imprisonment Sweetly complains.

In Cuckoo fields the brethren with amaze Prick all their ears up, and forget to gaze;

Long Chancery-lane retentive rolls the sound, And courts to courts return it round and round.

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2. Having memory. To remember a song or tune, our souls must be an harmony continually running over in a silent whisper those musical accents, which our retentive faculty is preserver of.

RETENTIVENESS. *n. f.* [*from retentive*.] Having the quality of retention.

RETICENCE. *n. f.* [*reticence*, Fr. *reticencia*, from *retico*, Lat.] Concealment by silence.

RETICLE. *n. f.* [*reticulum*, Lat.] A small net.

RETICULAR. *adj.* [*from reticulum*, Lat.] Having the form of a small net.

RETICULATED. *adj.* [*reticulatus*, Lat.] Made of network, formed with interstitial cavities.

The intervals of the cavities, rising a little, make a pretty kind of reticulated work.

RETIFORM. *adj.* [*retiformis*, Lat.] Having the form of a net.

The iverous coat and inside of the choroides are blackened, that the rays may not be reflected backwards to confound the sight; and if any be by the retiform coat reflected, they are soon choked in the black inside of the uvea.

RETINOR. *n. f.* [*retinus*, Fr.] A number attending upon a principal person; a train; a meiny.

Not only this your all licens'd fool, But other of your insolent retinues, Do hourly carp and quarrel.

What followers, what retinue can't thou gain, Or at thy heels the dizzy multitude, Longer than thou can't feed them on thy cost?

There appears The long retinue of a prosperous reign, A series of successful years.

Neither pomp nor retinue shall be able to divert the great, nor shall the rich be relieved by the multitude of his retainers.

To RETIRE. *v. n.* [*retire*, Fr.] 1. To retreat; to withdraw; to go to a place of privacy.

The mind contracts herself, and shrinketh in, And to herself she gladly doth retire.

The less I may be blest with her company, the more I will retire to God and my own heart.

Thou open't widom's way, And giv'st access, though secret the retire.

His proof will easily be retired, and the contrary proved, by interrogating; shall the adulterer inherit the kingdom of God? if he shall, what need I, that am now exhorted to reform my life, reform it? if he shall not, then certainly I, that am such, am none of the elect; for all, that are elect, shall certainly inherit the kingdom of God.

What if toy son Prove disobedient, and prov'd, retort, Wherefore did'st thou beget me?

The respondent may shew, how the opponent's argument may be retorted against himself.

To RETORT. *v. a.* [*retortus*, Lat.] 1. To throw back.

His virtues, shining upon others, Heat them, and they retort that heat again

To the first giver.

He pass'd through hostile form, And with retorted iron his back he turn'd.

To return any argument, censure, or incivility.

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Some, accustomed to retired speculations, ruin natural philosophy into metaphysical notions and the abstract generalities of logic.

He was admitted into the most secret and retired thoughts and councils of his royal master king William.

RETIREMENT. *n. f.* [*from retired*.] Solitude; privacy; secrecy.

Like one, who in her third widowhood doth profess Herself a nun, ty'd to retiredness,

So affects my muse now a chaste fallowness.

How could he have the leisure and retiredness of the cloister, to perform all those acts of devotion in, when the burthen of the reformation lay upon his shoulders?

RETIREMENT. *n. f.* [*from retire*.] 1. Private abode; secret habitation.

My retirement tempted me to divert those melancholy thoughts.

Caprea had been the retirement of Augustus for some time, and the residence of Tiberius for many years.

Private way of life. An elegant sufficiency, content, Retirement, rural quiet, friendship, books, Progressive virtue, and approving heaven.

Act of withdrawing. Short retirement urges sweet return.

In this retirement of the mind from the senses, it retains a yet more incoherent manner of thinking, which we call dreaming.

RETOLD. *part. pass.* of *retell*. Related or told again.

Whatever Harry Percy then had said At such a time, with all the rest retold,

May reasonably die.

Upon his dead corpse there was such misuse By those Welchwomen done, as may not be Without much shame retold or spoken of.

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of fertility, which contributed so much to their miscarriages, was retracted and cut off.

RETRACTATION. *n. f.* [*retraction*, Fr. *retractatio*, Lat.] Recantation; change of opinion.

These words are David's retraction, or laying down of a bloody and revengeful resolution.

RETRACTION. *n. f.* [*from retract*.] 1. Act of withdrawing something advanced.

They make bold with the deity, when they make him do and undo, go forward and backwards by such countermands and retractions, as we do not repute to the Almighty.

There came into her head certain verses, which if she had had present commodity, she would have adjoined as a retraction to the other.

Act of withdrawing a claim. Other men's insatiable desire of revenge hath wholly beguiled both church and state, of the benefit of all my either retractions or concessions.

RETRACT. *n. f.* [*Spenser*.] [*retraite* Fr.] 1. Retreat. Obsolete.

The earl of Lincoln, deceived of the country's concurrence unto him, and seeing the business past retreat, resolved to make on where the king was, and give him battle.

[Retrait, Fr. *ritrato*, Italian.] A cast of the countenance, Obsolete.

Upon her eyelids many graces sat, Under the shadow of her even brows, Working bellgards and amorous retraite, And every one her with a grace endows.

RETRACT. *n. f.* [*retraite*, Fr.] 1. Place of privacy; retirement.

He built his son a house of pleasure, and spared no cost to make a delicious retreat.

Place of security. This place our dungeon, not our safe retreat, Beyond his potent arm.

That pleading shade they fought, a soft retreat From sudden April showers, a shelter from the heat.

There is no such way to give defence to absurd doctrines, as to guard them round with legions of obscure and undefined words, which yet make these retreats more like the dens of robbers, than the fortresses of fair warriors.

Act of retiring before a superior force. Honourable retreats are no ways inferior to brave charges; as having less of fortune, more of discipline, and as much of valour.

To RETREAT. *v. n.* [*from the noun*.] 1. To go to a private abode.

Others more mild Retreated in a silent valley, sing Their own heroic deeds.

To take shelter; to go to a place of security.

To retire from a superior enemy.

To go out of the former place.

The rapid currents drive Towards the retreating sea their furious tide.

My subject does not oblige me to look after the water, or point forth the place whereunto it is now retreated.

Having taken her by the hand, he retreated with his eye fixed upon her.

RETRACTED. *part. adj.* [*from retreat*.] Retired; gone to privacy.

To RETRENCH. *v. a.* [*retrencher*, Fr.] 1. To cut off; to pare away.